

CDA Workgroup in Silverton/Osburn, ID
Meeting Notes
10/27/03

Attendees: Forest Service - Linda McFaddan, Joe Stringer, Gary Ford, Jodi Kramer and Facilitator – Sherry Munther. Public – Keith Jutila, Diane Jutila, George Currier, Mike Shelley, George Reynolds, Carol Reynolds, David Clark, Ron MacDonald, Kim Manore, Don Capparelli, James Peterson, Tom Crimmins, Rudy Carlson, John Kneasel, Charles Raivio, Ray Latina, Bryan Stepro, Mike Carlson, Marcus Quinn, Earl Castleberry, Scott Samms, Roger Trumbull, Fred Stepro, William Erickson, Jo Darling, Larry Darling, Crystal Frank, April Muhs, Robert Hickey, Derrick Frank, Sharon Walker, Jay Buddenberg, Wayne Koski, Twila Little, Wendle Lista, John Hebert, Gordon Canterbury, and Brian Canterbury

Sherry Munther (facilitator) briefly covered the agenda for the meeting: Purpose of the meeting; Ground Rules; Introductions; Purpose of the Workgroup; Discuss list of comments from June meetings; Share other documents and what the revision team is working on; and Where do we go from here.

Joe Stringer (District Ranger) welcomed everyone and shared the purpose of the meeting: Overview of the workgroup purpose and process; Discuss comments from June meetings and how to use them in this workgroup; Share existing information and documents; and Agree on establishing a workgroup or not.

Sherry got the group to agree with the Ground Rules. Everyone at the meeting introduced themselves and if they were affiliated with an organization.

Linda McFaddan (Deputy District Ranger) covered the Purpose of the Workgroup. Linda re-emphasized that we are not going to be making site-specific road and trail decisions in the Forest Plan, but through these workgroups and other means, we will be discussing access in relation to area allocations and motorized-cross-country travel. The purpose of the workgroup is threefold: 1) work together to develop products for consideration in the planning process; 2) work together to learn about the workgroup's interests and understand the complexities of decision making; 3) develop and enhance relationships.

Linda also briefly shared the comments that were heard at the June 2003 meetings and that basically access is the issue that is of most importance to this workgroup. She also reiterated that when looking at access we will also need to look at the parameters that go into the decision-making process to understand what decisions we can make and where.

Gary Ford (Revision team leader) shared information about the Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS). Basically the AMS is a document that talks about the existing condition and what needs to change from the 1987 Forest Plan. Gary reiterated that what's different in this round of planning is that we want the public involved at the beginning of the process and throughout the entire process.

Questions from the group:

- If we do decide to form a workgroup, how much time do we need to give to the group?
- How effective will these workgroups be in the decisions made in the Forest Plan?
- Is the main goal of these workgroups to prevent additional road closures? If we work on this workgroup, will we prevent additional road closures?

- Is the emphasis of the workgroups focused on a specific Geographic Area?
- A lot of questions about site-specific road closures (Two-mile, Steamboat etc.)
- What are the fire/fuel reductions that are going to be done up Two-mile?
- We don't want to waste our time in these workgroups? How will the decision-maker decide or use the workgroups alternative?
- How do you notify the public about specific closures and when you have public meetings to discuss these closures?
- Is there any way to stop any further closures for recreational opportunities until we get through the Forest Plan revision process and give these workgroups an opportunity to develop alternatives for the Forest Plan?
- Sometimes there are unreasonable requests for access that are detriment to the resources in the National Forest.
- Voice of concern is that the motorized user groups are the ones that lose more and more all the time. Stop closing access and provide recreational opportunities.

Linda shared the next step if this group wants to become a workgroup. There were several people who are interested in a workgroup. The next meeting would be held in conjunction with folks from the Coeur d'Alene area and will be someplace central between Silverton and Coeur d'Alene, at least for that first meeting. The workgroup would then decide how they want to operate in subsequent meetings (ie. location, time, subgroups, dates etc.).

People who signed up for the workgroup are: Crystal Frank, George Currier, Jo Darling, Earl Castleberry, David and Christina Clark, Twila Little, Don Capparelli, Robert Hickey, Gordon Canterbury, Keith and Diane Jutila, Bud Koski, and Tom Crimmins.